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REMARKS

The Examiner indicated that dependent claims 16 and 18 to 26 recite subject matter of patentable merit if rewritten to include the base claim and all intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 16. Claim 18 has been amended to be an independent claim and incorporate the subject matter of claim 1. Claim 23 has been amended to be an independent claim and to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1.

It is submitted that it is common ground that the sole independent claims on file namely claims 1, 18 and 23 as amended recite subject matter of patentable merit. Each of the other claims depend upon one of the independent claims 1, 18 and 23 and therefore are also allowable.

Favourable passing of the present claims to allowance is respectfully submitted.

Favourable consideration and disposition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully requested

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